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Brown Tries To Revive ITT Case

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California Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr. said yesterday that outgoing U.S. Attorney General Richard Kleindienst has blocked investigation of a $100,000 contribution by ITT to the national Republican party.

Brown, a potential Democratic candidate for governor in 1974, said he had urged members of the Watergate grand jury to investigate the contribution.

Brown said he told jury members in a telegram, "For more than a year, Attorney General Kleindienst has refused to properly investigate evidence of criminal activity in the ITT matter.

"Now that he is out of office, I urge you to widen our investigation to include the ITT contribution and other possible crimes committed during last year's campaign."

The contribution stems from ITT's pledge to underwrite the Republican National Convention to the extent of $400,000 last year, Brown said.

The convention was moved to Miami Beach, Florida after word of the ITT pledge was made known.

Brown said he was concerned with the matter because the pledge agreement was reached in California and the actual donation of $100,000 was made in California.

The ITT convention pledge came shortly after the Justice Department agreed to settle an anti-trust suit against ITT, Brown said.

"The settlement was extremely suspicious," Brown said. "But even if the ITT contribution was not connected to the antitrust settlement, the donation was extremely suspicious."

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